

53-1-107. Commissioner of public safety -- Appointment -- Qualifications -- Salary.

- (1) The chief executive officer of the department is the commissioner.
- (2) (a) Every fourth year after the year 1989, the governor shall appoint a commissioner with the consent of the Senate.
(b) The commissioner shall serve for a period of four years from July 1 of the year of his appointment.
- (3) The commissioner shall:
 - (a) be an individual of recognized executive and administrative capacity;
 - (b) be selected solely with regard to his qualifications and fitness to discharge the duties of the commissioner's office;
 - (c) be of high moral character;
 - (d) be of good standing in the community in which he lives; and
 - (e) have been a resident of this state for a period of at least five years immediately prior to his appointment.
- (4) The commissioner shall devote full time to the duties of the office.
- (5) The governor shall establish the commissioner's salary within the salary range fixed by the Legislature in Title 67, Chapter 22, State Officer Compensation.